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ABSTRACT

The story of people of Japanese descent in the United States is told in its historic context. The Japanese came to America with cultural values that differed greatly from the mainstream U.S. society. They were also set apart by appearance. Conflict between Japan and the United States exacerbated the problems between the Japanese Americans and the American majority, but Japanese Americans eventually won acceptance and the promise of redress for incarceration during World War II. An underlying theme of this volume is that of change, since the Japanese American experience reflects the change that is essential to U.S. society. Another theme is that of diversity. Japanese Americans, who once were a relatively homogeneous group, now represent American diversity as the succeeding generations have found different American environments. A final theme is that diversity and change go together in broader social and historic contexts that cannot be ignored. The following chapters explore the Japanese American experience: (1) "Introduction"; (2) "Background of Immigration"; (3) "Up to World War II"; (4) "The Wartime Evacuation (1942-1945)"; (5) "Closing of the Camps: The Immediate Post War Era"; (6) "The Postwar Period"; (7) "The Community: Its Culture"; (8) "The Community: Its Organization"; (9) "The Community: Its Families"; (10) "Hawaii"; (11) "Identity and Generations"; (12) "Present Status"; and (13) "Summary, Conclusions." Information pertaining specifically to education appears in chapter 4 (page 47) and chapter 12 (pages 180-184). Each chapter contains a bibliography. (Contains 24 tables.) (SLD)

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